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SUBJECT: KINGSTON NORTH/SOUTH MINI-SUMMIT

REF: KINGSTON 3995

1. WELL INFORMED SOURCE IN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S OFFICE
TOLD EMBOFF ON MAY 17 THAT MANLEY'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MINI-
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SUMMITT HERE NEXT WEEK HAVE BEEN ABANDONED. PROBLEM OF SCHEDULING
PROVED INSOLUBLE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE TELEPHONE CONTACTS
ARE CONTINUING TO SEE IF AN ALTERNATE DATE CAN BE ARRANGED.
AS OF MAY 17, HOWEVER, NO SUCH DATE HAD BEEN FOUND.

2. MEANWHILE, A DETACHED MINI-SUMMIT OF SORTS WILL GO
ON IN KINGSTON. SAME SOURCE IN PM'S OFFICE CONFIRMED

PRESS REPORTS, ALSO OF MAY 17 THAT ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA WOULD BE HERE FOR A FEW HOURS DISCUSSION WITH MANLEY ON TUESDAY, MAY 23 AND SPECIFIED ONLY THAT TWO LEADERS COULD BE EXPECTED TO TALK ABOUT NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. NORWEIGN PRIME MINISTER NORDLI IS, OF COURSE, SCHEDULE TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT FROM MAY 24-28. FURTHER REPORT IN PRESS ON 17TH FROM REUTER CANA DATED CARACAS SAID VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ WOULD BE HERE FOR THREE DAYS FROM JUNE 1 TO "TO ATTEND A MEETING OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC LEADERS OF EUROPE AND THE THIRD WORLD".

3. COMMENT: IT IS HARD TO SAY WHETHER AND HOW FAR MANLEY WILL PURSUE HIS MINI-SUMMIT IDEA NOW THAT HIS FIRST EFFORT HAS APPARENTLY FAILED. THE IDEA DOES NOT SEEM TO BE SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE TO INVITEES TO WARRANT ANY GREAT EFFORT TO RE-ARRANGE THEIR SCHEDULES AND WE ALSO DOUBT THAT MANLEY WOULD WANT TO APPEAR AS A SUPPLICANT AND TRY TO GET A MEETING AT WHATEVER COST. THE SAME REASONS, BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL, THAT IMPELLED HIM TO MAKE THIS EFFORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE VALID. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON KAUNDA'S DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES.
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